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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6446

BILL NUMBER: SB 91

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Knives in Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Merritt

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a student may be expelled for not more than one year for possessing a knife on school property.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current law, a student bringing a deadly weapon or in possession of a deadly weapon may be expelled for not more than one year. The bill would add possession of a knife, unless the knife is provided or permitted by a school corporation for a purpose authorized by the school corporation, to this section. In CY 2001, there were 1,234 students suspended for weapons in school or on school property and a total of 7,303 students expelled. There are no data to indicate how many more students may be suspended or expelled for possession of a knife. To the extent that a student would not be present in school for the average daily membership (ADM) determination due to expulsion, the school district would receive less money in the budget for student support.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources:

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